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10th Anniversary

THIS week the tenth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and the signing of the charter is to be celebrated in many parts of the world. The focus of attention will be San Francisco "where representatives of the 59 member nations will meet at its birthplace to rededicate their people to the ideals and aspirations that inspired its creation. The proceedings will be marked by a display of much pomp and fine oratory. Many will perhaps feel that silent meditation and earnest prayer would be a more appropriate accompaniment.

Not that there is no cause for celebration: the United Nations has compiled an impressive record of achievement and success in the last ten years despite the differences that have divided its principal exponents. Perhaps the most remarkable feature is its survival as an authoritative and powerful assembly of the nations of the world; for even before the meeting at Dumbarton Oaks in August, 1944 when the Big Three allies reached agreement on the charter and scope of the new world organisation, its prospects were clouded by an atmosphere of suspicion and mistrust and an undertone of cool hostility.

THAT the Big Three succeeded in agreement was due not to the spirit of compromise between the powers, not to their common resolution to rid the world of Hitlerism and Fascist totalitarianism (though that did in fact exist), not to the profound conviction that all men should be free, but to the production of a charter couched in terms sufficiently vague and equivocal to allow different interpretations by East and West.

Perhaps it is as well the founders did not probe the meaning of their words too deeply; for then there might have been no United Nations, or perhaps just another League of Nations as impotent and unsatisfactory as its pre-war sister body. But in the last 10 years its deficiencies have become strikingly apparent. On different occasions it has been exploited, its authority flouted and its charter abused. And in 1955 the 50 founder nations believe the time is opportune for various remedies to be made to correct its shortcomings.

SIR Charles Webster, one of Britain's architects of the charter, said recently: "Only one serious mistake was made, the necessity of securing the consent of the great powers in the Security Council to the admission of new members, which has prevented the UN from becoming as universal as it was intended and ought to be. The failure of the Security Council to organise an effective system of collective security is due to the fact that the Soviet Government did not desire it. It refused to allow the machinery contained in the charter to be set up and made to work."

The gulf between East and West is perhaps the severest stricture that has been placed on the United Nations mechanism. Much more than common agreement among the nations is needed to remedy this position. An even balance of world forces may one day dictate it. The prospect is even now tantalising the minds of serious political observers. In the meantime, only with patient and persevering determination in the spirit of the charter will the Anglo-American alliance enhance its prestige as a power for peace, liberty and progress. There is also cause for consolation in the fact that its present record indicates that member nations are gradually learning to use it for the purposes for which it was devised.

Only
1st Phase
Visible
In HK

By William Smyly

Clouds gathered to spoil the climax of the eclipse of the sun in Hongkong this morning, but the earlier phases of the phenomenon were visible from time to time, and enthusiastic "spotters" were able to follow the track of the moon across the face of the sun during the first hour of the eclipse.

At 11.30 something seemed to be taking a bite out of the side of the sun, when a huge cloud swept over her. Then I discovered that the "bite" was a black spot on my sun shield. She came out again for a moment and something seemed to be biting a bit off the top. Then she vanished again. But at 11.40 the bite at the top was definitely a small semi-circular indentation.

On the roof of St Stephen's Girls' School, the geography teacher Mrs. Fok, erected an instrument earlier this morning which the Headmistress described as "a weird contraption which means nothing to me. I think it is supposed to measure the sun's shadow or something."

Later classes of girls arrived on the roof with bits of blacked-out glass and photographic negatives.

Along Queen's Road small groups gathered from time to time to watch the sun's reflection in a shop window. The more foreboded, halted from time to time when the sun emerged from a cloud, to take a peep through negatives.

REFLECTION TROUBLES

A dozen people on the roof of York Building gathered excitedly around a bowl of water, trying to protect it from the wind which made ripples that obscured the sun or made it half. The trouble was that half the basin's protective screen of people had to stand on the wrong side of the water, and they could not see the sun during its brief appearances. Then when their turn came to stand on the right side of the bowl, either the sun would not appear or when it did a puff of wind disturbed the bowl and set the sun's reflection dancing.

Near the banks in Queen's Road, Des Voeux Road, and Statue Square groups of photographers began gathering on pavements and in side alleys about noon, and had attracted small crowds around their collections of apparatus by 12.30.

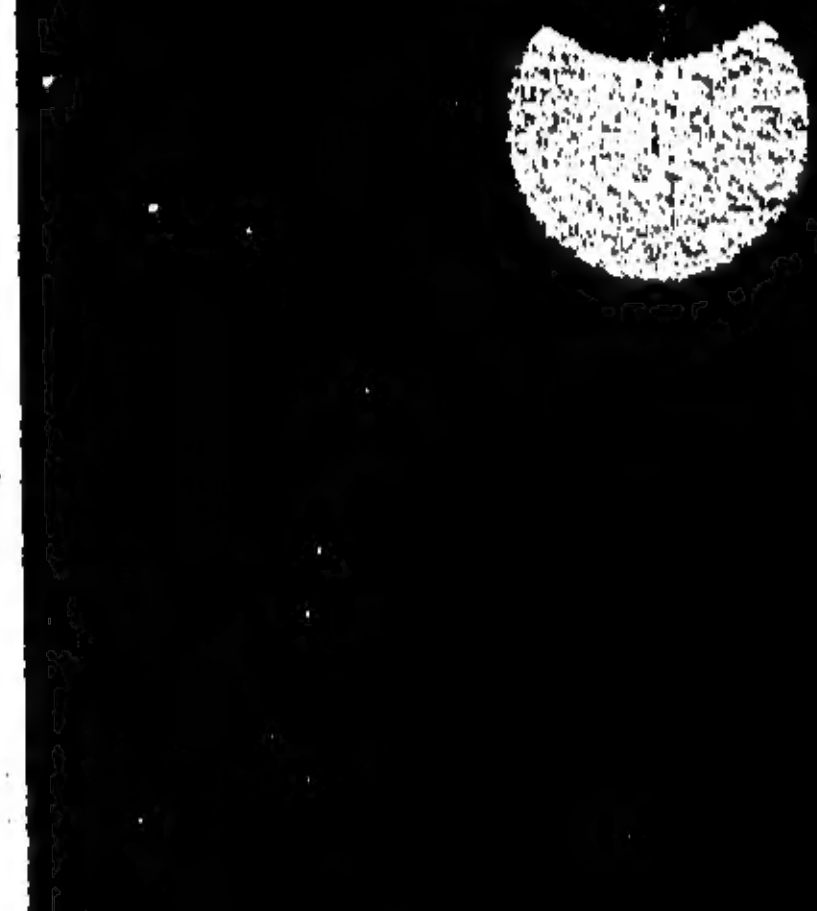
A secretary working in the office of the Society for the Protection of Children replied at noon that there was no local interest in the eclipse, but rang up half an hour later to say that Southern Playground was filling with groups who passed round bits of smoked glass or negatives.

CROWDS ON ROOFS

Crowds were also gathering on Wanchai roof tops by that time to peep at the sun, beat drums, and let off fire crackers. An authoritative source stated that many Chinese women expecting babies had taken the day away from work in order to stay indoors — to protect their unborn children from birthmarks.

Four-Engine
Plane Crashes

Leon, Mexico, June 19. An American four-engine plane loaded with Mexican labourers en route to jobs on US farms crashed and burned here yesterday, killing two and seriously injuring at least 10 of its 42 occupants. Mexican Civil authorities said the Flying Tigers chartered DC-4 developed engine trouble one minute after take-off for Tijuana. In Lower California and "exploded into a sea of flames". The plane failed to gain altitude immediately after take-off and clipped off trees surrounding the airport before crashing on its belly and catching fire. — United Press.



The above picture taken by a staff photographer from the roof of the Morning Post building shows the first phase of this morning's eclipse of the sun.

Delegates Arrive For
UN Anniversary
Celebrations

San Francisco, June 19.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, headed a list of important delegates arriving in San Francisco today for the United Nations tenth anniversary celebrations opening tomorrow.

Mr. Macmillan, with his Western colleagues — Mr. John Foster Dulles, the US Secretary of State, and M. Antoine Pinay, French Foreign Minister — confer tomorrow night with Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, a few hours after the opening of the commemorative meeting.

They will hand Mr. Molotov the procedural arrangements agreed upon in their recent meeting in New York for the conference of heads of governments or the four major heads in Geneva, beginning on July 18.

President Eisenhower, due to arrive tonight in his special plane from Washington, will strike the keynote for the meeting in a new phase in an opening address tomorrow. San Francisco, where the United Nations charter was signed ten years ago, shortly after the guns had been muffled in Europe, was ready today to usher in a new phase in international relations to follow the cold war.

The charter itself will be on display in front of the speakers' dais at the Opera House.

BIG HEADLINES

The arrival of Mr. Molotov yesterday, after a transcontinental train journey from New York, was greeted by big headlines in the local papers and the city itself was in festive mood. Civic officials were on duty at the international airport welcoming delegates, and UN Secretariat officials, as plane after plane set down with new arrivals.

Special precautions were taken to give every delegate as much security as possible. Special state police were assigned to each representative from plane to car.

M. Pinay and Mr. Dulles were expected to follow Mr. Macmillan into San Francisco. All travelled by separate planes from New York.

Among others to arrive later today were Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon of India; M. Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium, and Sir Percy Spender of Australia.

Among arrivals yesterday were Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister of External Affairs; Mr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egyptian Minister; and Prince Wan Wathayakon, Thai Foreign Minister.

THE PROCEDURE

The first day will be confined to opening speeches by President Eisenhower, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Belco van Kieft, of the Netherlands, who will preside at the commemorative meeting.

Peron Loses Dictatorial
Powers: Army In
Full Command

New York, June 19.

Robert Lindley, Buenos Aires correspondent of the National Broadcasting Company, said in a telephone interview with his New York office today that the Army was in full charge and that President Peron would "never again wield the extreme dictatorial power which he had when the first rebel bombs fell."

The correspondent's call was cut off at Buenos Aires after several minutes but what he had said was recorded and broadcast on an NBC Radio programme.

"The Army, which saved the day for President Juan Peron on Thursday afternoon, is in complete power and is carrying out the state of siege most strictly," he said.

"The Army is in command and the Army Minister (General Lucero) is emerging minute by minute as the real wielder of power. Peron will never again wield the extreme dictatorial power which he had when the first rebel bombs fell on Government House."

"The situation here is neither normal nor tranquil. First the government is being governed by the Army for the first time."

"An interesting consideration is that Peron technically is no longer President of Argentina. The country's constitution asserts that the President must be a Catholic. President Peron is a Jew."

It was when the New York editor attempted to ask Mr. Lindley questions about the telephone call was cut off.

ADIRALTS ACCUSED
The Supreme Council of Argentine Armed Forces today formally accused three admirals of responsibility for Thursday's abortive revolt against President Juan Peron.

They were named as Rear-Admiral Anibal Olivier, former Minister of the Navy, Rear-Admiral Samuel Toranzo Calderon, of the Marine Corps, and Vice-Admiral Benjamino Garguilo, also of the Marines.

Admiral Garguilo committed suicide at the Marine Ministry on the failure of the revolt. There is no official news of the other two men, though the evening newspaper La Razon yesterday reported them under arrest.

Meanwhile, it was reported that two mechanics at the Punta del Indio naval air base were the first to warn loyal forces of the impending uprising.

When they saw preparations for an attack were under way, they escaped in an old German Focke-Wulf trainer to Buenos Aires to give warning after first damaging 12 of the 50 planes reported to be based at Punta del Indio.

COMMANDS REORGANISED
Everything in Buenos Aires today points to great efforts being made by the military authorities — who have been running the country since Thursday — to pour oil on troubled waters and try to bring the whole country back to normal as soon as possible.

Sensors and deputies in Congress today passed emergency legislation permitting the government to reorganise all commands of the armed forces.

General Franklin Lucero, 58, the War Minister, is regarded as the key man in the Argentine situation today. He is commander of the "forces of repression."

A communique issued by his command early today reported tranquillity throughout the country and said rumours of troop uprisings and unrest would be energetically combated.

The communique gave details of activities being carried out by the armed forces. Some are returning to barracks while others remain on duty watching for any trouble.

Anti-aircraft units are guarding the presidential headquarters of the War Ministry, where the supreme military command of the government are working. Other troops are withdrawing from naval and air force bases they seized on Thursday night to allow loyal naval and air force units to resume control. — Reuters.

Fatal End To
Argument

Buenos Aires, June 19.

Senator Ramon A. Subiza, a former member of President Juan Peron's Cabinet, was shot dead last night during an argument with his wife and her brother over divorce proceedings.

Senator Subiza, an early supporter of General Peron's bid for power, was formerly political secretary to the president.

He was 41 years old. He was a lawyer, and before being appointed to cabinet rank he was legal adviser to the Buenos Aires province police.

Divorce was made legal in Argentina for the first time last December, despite the fierce opposition of the Catholic authorities. — Reuters.

Climb Mountain
Peak

Karachi, June 20.

Two members of the Princeton University expedition to Tirich Mir mountain in Pakistan have conquered the 24,242 feet Ishtarlal Peak, in the Western Karakoram, near Chitral, the Pakistan Radio reported tonight.

The radio said the climbers were Joseph Murphy, and Thomas Mutch, who were both reported by a Hunza runner to have been badly frostbitten.

They were said to have planned the American and Pakistan flags on the virgin snow on June 8 and were now being carried back to Chitral for rest and treatment. — Reuters.

Blow Up Water
Pipeline

Tel-Aviv, June 19.

An Israeli army spokesman announced that "Egyptian infiltrators" tonight blew up the main Negev water pipeline in the Gaza area.

He said that about five feet of the pipeline was destroyed near the settlement of Kibbutz, about two miles from the armistice demarcation line. The infiltrators had also cut the telephone line to Kibbutz.

The United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, Major-General Edmond Burns of Canada, leaves Jerusalem for Gaza tomorrow to arrange a meeting to discuss ways to peace along the Gaza border. — Reuters.

Shipping Tie-up

Strike May
Spread To
The Queen
Elizabeth

London, June 20. About 1,000 striking seamen will try today to enrol the crew of the Queen Elizabeth into their dispute, which has bottled up nine transatlantic liners in Liverpool and Southampton. Some members of the crew of the 83,873-ton Cunard liner, which is due to dock at Southampton today, have sent a message of support to the strikers.

The seamen struck 21 days ago to demand better working conditions and more pay. Strikers in Liverpool will today hold an open-air dockside meeting to discuss their next moves.

LINEAS AFFECTED

Ships held up by the strike are:

In Liverpool — the Cunard liners Saxonia (22,000 tons), Britannic (27,666 tons) and Ascania (14,440 tons), the Canadian Pacific liners Empress of Scotland (26,313 tons) and Empress of Australia (19,379 tons), and the Furness Withy vessel Nova Scotia (7,438 tons). In Southampton — the Cunard Queen Mary (81,273 tons), Mauretania (35,974 tons) and the Scythia (19,390 tons).

DOCKERS ADAMANT

Meanwhile, there was no sign of an end of the 28-day-old strike of 20,000 dock workers, who have stopped or slowed work on more than 280 ships in six ports.

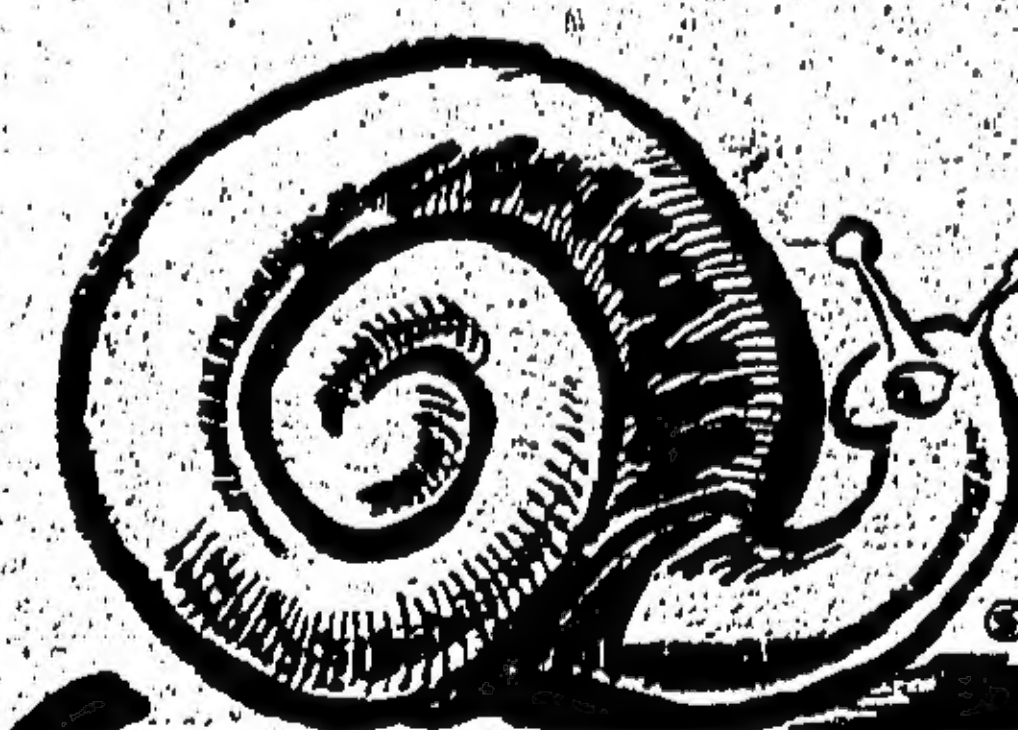
The dock strikers are demanding recognition for their union — the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union — in ports where the rival Transport and General Workers Union holds the prerogative to negotiate with employers. — Reuters.

Tito To Visit Egypt

Cairo, June 19.

Marshal Josip Tito of Yugoslavia is to make an official visit to Egypt in November, this year it was learned from an official Egyptian source in Cairo tonight.

This source said that a Yugoslav press delegation would arrive here on June 26 and that an Egyptian press delegation would return the visit to Yugoslavia some time in November. — France-Press.


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French Expected To Choose Strong Man For Morocco

Paris, June 19.

The French Cabinet, meeting tomorrow to choose a new Resident-General for French Morocco, is expected to choose a "strong man" to carry out a policy of reforms.

It is even thought possibly that the Government might replace M. Francis Lacoste, the present Resident-General and the fifth since the war, with a man of Cabinet rank. One person not on Cabinet rank tipped as a possible successor, is M. Gilbert Granval, French representative in the Saar.

M. Lacoste, a career diplomat, is considered here not to have sufficient authority to counter the strong opposition from French officials to the carrying out of any liberal policy introduced by the Government in Paris.

DAILY BLOODSHED

The Cabinet meeting will follow a week of daily bloodshed in the North African territory and warning against "counter-terrorism"—French violence against sympathisers with Moroccan nationalism, itself responsible for widespread terrorist acts.

Last night alone in Casablanca, three bombs exploded, ten million francs worth of damage was done to communications in and near the city by sabotage, and a Moroccan butcher was stabbed. In eastern Morocco, another Moroccan was stabbed to death.

During the past week, the French counter-espionage chief, M. Roger Wybot, flew to Morocco to investigate the tommy gun murder last week-end of a newspaper owner who favoured compromise with Moroccan aims. M. Jacques Lemaigre, a former chief of the Casablanca police, was arrested and brought back to Paris after his submachine gun was alleged to have been used in five attacks on Moroccans.

French newspapers said the Casablanca authorities had urged that M. Delieu, the police chief, should be taken to Paris as they could not guarantee his security in a Casablanca prison.

In the weekly newspaper, L'Express, this week, M. Pierre Mendes-France, the ex-premier, and a personal friend of the newspaper owner, said this murder showed that the quarrel was not simply between French and Moroccan but between those on both sides who believe in violence and those who believe in negotiations.—Reuter.

Swedes Call Harbour Strike

Stockholm, June 19. A strike which will close the harbour of Gothenburg, Sweden's biggest port, has been called for midnight to-night by the Transport Workers Union.

All work within the free harbour will stop and members of the Transport Workers Union will refuse to deliver goods to it or collect goods from it.

The local Secretary of the Union, Mr. Hilding Tack, a Communist Member of Parliament, said the strike had been called in sympathy with 104 sorters and clerks who have been on strike since last Tuesday.

They are asking for a 13 per cent wage increase but their employers offered only about nine per cent. They rejected an arbitration committee's suggestion of a 16.3 increase yesterday.

Mr. Tack said the men's claims for a 13 per cent increase would bring their earnings up to those of workers in Stockholm harbour.—Reuter.

Royal Family At Windsor



The Queen arrives with Prince Charles and Princess Anne for the Royal Windsor Polo Tournament at Windsor Great Park. In the background is Princess Alexandra. Prince Philip was competing in the tournament which lasted a week. — Express Photo.

Ollenhauer Calls For Speed

Bonn, June 19.

The West German Social Democratic leader, Herr Erich Ollenhauer, said here today that West Germany must conduct talks with the Soviet Union with the same "intensity and speed" which had been correctly adopted towards the Western Powers.

He was speaking to a mass meeting of Social Democratic women a few hours before Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, was due to arrive back from talks with American, British and French leaders in the United States and Britain.

Herr Ollenhauer criticised Dr Adenauer's Washington statement on his coming talks with Russia and said it was not sufficient to demand reunification.

It depended on whether the West German Government worked out its own programme for reunification. Regardless of the coming Four-Power conference at Geneva, West Germany must seek the Soviet view on the German problem through direct talks.

It was in fact Dr Adenauer's policy not to relinquish West German membership of NATO in exchange for reunification, that was deliberately or not a policy opposed to reunification.

A solution of the problem of co-existence on the basis of the continued division of Germany was "unacceptable and unbearable" for the German people and, for peace.—Reuter.

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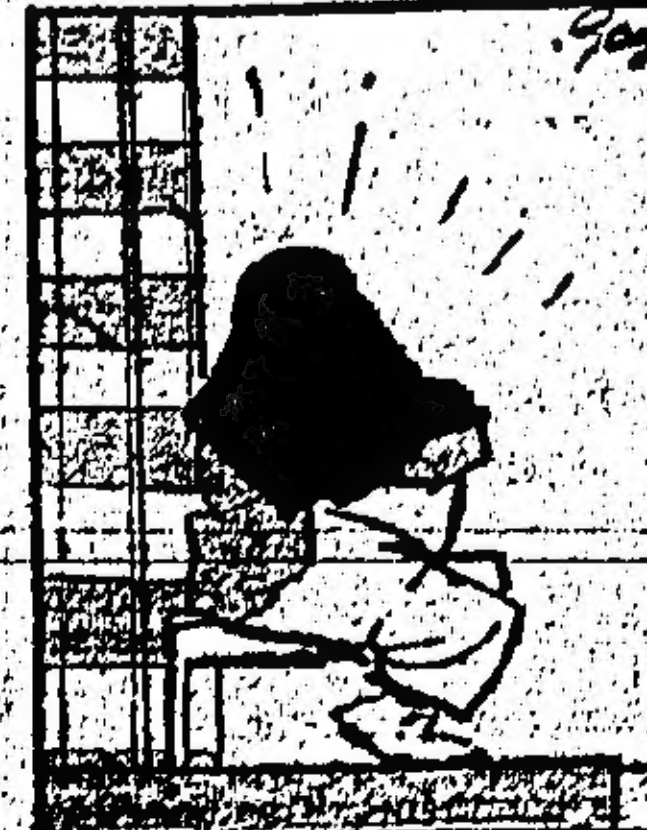
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TIGHT ROPE RECORD

Stockholm, June 19. A Swedish variety artist, Allan Lundberg today set up a new world tight rope record in the Pleasure Park of the Baltic resort of Soederhamna.

He balanced on his rope for 34 hours, alternatively standing and sitting on a kitchen stool. The rope was stretched about six feet above the ground and Lundberg had placed an electric radiator under it to keep him warm through the night.

The previous record of 33 hours and 30 minutes was held by a German, Wilhelm Hoegel — China Mail Special.

Norwegians Prepare For Queen Official Visit

Oslo, June 19. EVERY hotel in Oslo is packed and the city is getting more visitors than during the 1952 winter Olympics as it prepares to welcome Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on Friday.

Norwegians, determined to give the young Queen a great welcome, on her first sovereign visit to a country outside the Commonwealth, are buying huge quantities of Union Jacks and "WELCOME" medals bearing portraits of the Royal couple.

Main street shops are trying one another in decorating their windows with "greetings" displays, and one leading baker has produced a five-tier cake surmounted by a crown and decorated with Tudor roses and royal emblems.

SPACE RESERVED

Crowds flocking into the city from the provinces and abroad are posing the city police such a problem that they will probably have to call in reinforcements from the countryside. A special space has been reserved for English children in Town Hall Square for Friday.

Nearby, the 82-year-old King Haakon of Norway will welcome his English great-niece and her husband at a quayside pavilion hung with purple draperies.

The Royal couple's three-day visit will include several drives through the city, trips to see the Viking ships and the Kon-Tiki raft on the outskirts, visits to the National Theatre on Saturday, the English church on Sunday and to the British and Norwegian war memorials.

They will lunch on Sunday at the Crown Prince's country home. The only uncertainty factor in the plans now is the weather, but sunshine is reported on the way from England. — China Mail Special.

ATTACKED New Demonstrations Over School Reform Legislation POLICE INTERVENE

Ostend, June 19. Rioting Catholics demonstrating against a Government school reform bill today attacked Frans van Acker, son of Belgium's Prime Minister, while he was sitting quietly in a quayside cafe in this port city.

A plainclothes policeman rushed to Mr van Acker's aid. The mob, screaming insults and anti-Government slogans, wrecked the cafe and smashed its windows in the free-for-all.

A patrol of State Troopers intervened in the brawl and escorted Mr van Acker to safety. He was not injured.

STREET PARADE

Nearly 25,000 Catholics were parading down the wide street which parallels the harbour of this seaport on the English Channel gateway to Europe. The cobbled street is lined with cafes along narrow pavements.

The Premier's son, a minor provincial government official, was sitting in one of the cafes watching the demonstrators when a group from his home town, nearby Bruges recognised him.

They rushed toward him and tried to force him to join them in their protests against the Social-Liberal Government attempts at school reform which would slash Government subsidy of Catholic schools.

Brawling broke out when Mr van Acker refused.

Later, Mr Slambroek, a leader of the Christian Trade Union local and member of the Demonstrating Organising Committee, collapsed and died of a heart attack in the passage.

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Gift Of Boom Defence Equipment

London, June 19. Britain proposes to present Egypt with boom defence equipment at Adhaya, in the former Suez Canal Zone, worth £21,000 sterling, according to a British Government White Paper.

It says the British Government is seeking parliamentary approval of the gift by June 23.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Egypt had already been informed of Britain's intention. Shore installations and buildings of the boom depot at Adhaya were transferred to Egypt under the Anglo-Egyptian agreement of October, 1954, which terminated British occupation of the Canal Zone.

The White Paper published states that it has proved impossible to sell the boom equipment, and that it would be uneconomic to move it elsewhere. — China Mail Special.

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8 Killed In Aden Clash

Aden, June 19. Final casualty figures for the clash between Aden Protectorate forces and rebellious tribesmen on Wednesday, confirmed here today, show that eight people were killed, not ten as stated in the Government office's preliminary report.

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King Hussein of Jordan and Queen Dina, who are on an official visit to Spain, are pictured here with General Franco (right) when they attended a bull-fight in Madrid. Queen Dina wears a mantilla.—Express Photo.

Mystery Ships Near Philippines

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OPERATION ALERT OBSOLETE

Washington, June 19. Dr Ralph E. Lapp, the atomic scientist, said today that the recent civil defence test carried out in the United States termed "Operation Alert" was out of date before it started because it did not consider the menace of radioactive ashes.

But he added that the test in which President Eisenhower and his Cabinet members took part had a good "psychological impact" in awakening the public to the need for civil defence.

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Special Rail Coach For Royal Children

London, June 19. A new Royal railway coach specially designed for Prince Charles and Princess Anne is being built at the British railway works at Wolverton, Buckinghamshire, it was stated tonight.

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French Elections Most Senators Are Being Returned

By Harold King

Paris, June 19. Most outgoing members of the French Council of the Republic (upper house) appeared certain of re-election as results for 123 seats contested today flowed in from Metropolitan France.

The seats of 30 other Senators were also contested today in French overseas territories.

M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, the Interior Minister, announced tonight that the 123 seats in Metropolitan France contested in today's Senate elections had been filled as follows:

Communists one (loss of one).

Socialists 32 (gain of one).

Other left wingers one (gain of one).

Radicals 32 (gain of three).

Popular Republicans 7 (gain of one).

Gaullists (loss of four).

Conservatives 41 (loss of one).

Conservatives 85 (36).

Social Republicans (Gaullists) 47 (19).

Popular Republicans (Catholics) 26 (12).

Overseas Independents 14 (2).

Socialists 58 (39).

Communists 16 (3).

Non-party 3 (2).

(Normally 160 seats are contested in mid-term elections. Only 159 candidates are standing this time as French India has been transferred to the Indian Union and no longer has a representative). — Reuters.

UGANDA MISSION FULFILLED

Kampala, June 19. Five members of the Uganda National Congress delegation, who travelled to London to demand independence for Uganda, returned here today.

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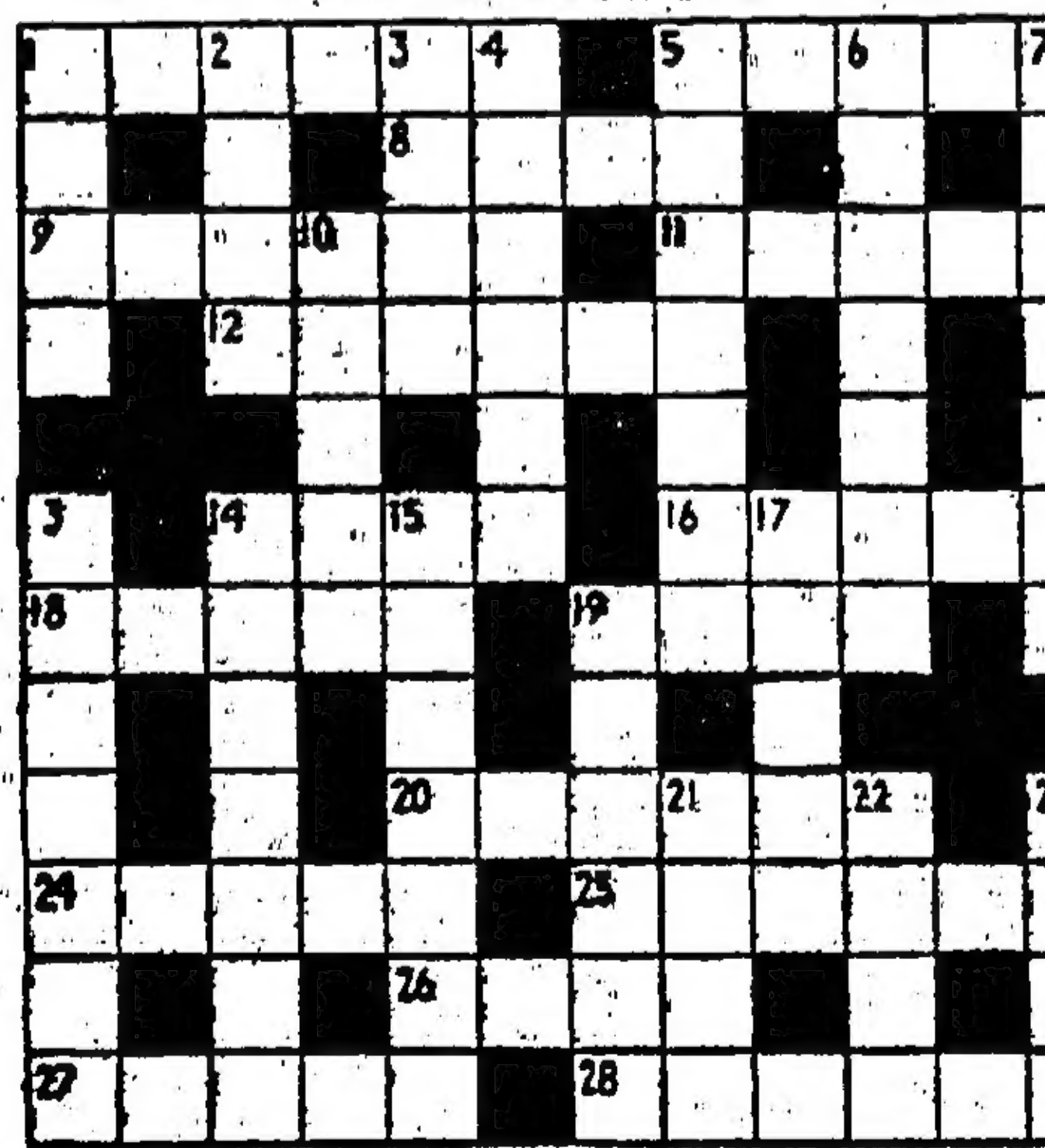
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Brewery (8).

5 Short (5).

8 Prophet (4).

9 Habitués (8).

11 Bury (5).

12 Submerge (6).

14 Mud (4).

15 Shell (5).

16 Lesson (5).

19 Meadows (4).

20 Girls (6).

24 Trick (5).

25 Steaming-lower on boat (8).

27 Jollification (5).

28 Tyrant (6).

DOWN

1 Conceited (4).

2 Extol (4).

3 Accustomed (4).

4 Carry on again (6).

6 Fragile (7).

8 Means (7).

7 Hunted around (7).

10 Send (5).

13 Show off (7).

14 Bullfighter (7).

15 Full (7).

17 Picture stand (5).

19 Catalogued (8).

21 Ancestor (4).

22 Error (4).

23 Courage (colloq.) (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Dwell, 4 Trifle, 8 Mishap, 10 Smoke, 12 Roster, 14 Release, 17 Tale, 19 Scarlet, 20 Chapter, 22 Rose, 23 Seasons, 27 Cruels, 29 Abets, 30 Estate, 31 Eldest, 32 Smith, Down: 1 Demure, 2 Easel, 3 Tlax, 5 Rest, 6 Moral, 7 Eyelid, 9 Poses, 11 Metres, 13 Secrete, 15 Echo, 16 Expert, 19 Lean, 20 Create, 21 Ascend, 24 Aztec, 25 Oracle, 26 Scent, 28 Uss.

2 Ministers Removed From Office

Paris, June 19. Britain's Governor-General in the Sudan has ousted two Sudanese Ministers, who spoke out against decisions aimed at giving the Sudan her independence from Egypt, Cairo Radio said today.

They were the Minister of Public Works, Mohammed Nour Eddine, whose duties will be performed by the Communications Minister, Mubarak Zarrag, and the Minister of Animal Husbandry, Buleen Alier, whose job will be taken over by the Health Minister, Dr Amin Es Sayed.

No new Ministers have been appointed.

PREMIERS REQUEST

Earlier, an official communiqué published in the Sudan capital of Khartoum, said Prime Minister Ismail El Azhari had asked the Governor-General, Sir Alexander Eddine, to relieve Eddine and Alier of their positions.

Eddine and Alier made "mistakes incompatible with their functions," while Azhari was attending the Asian-African conference held

SLOW MOVEMENT

THE CONCERT GRAND THAT CAME HOME...

ONCE owned a cat which, being sent away to live on a farm, returned to my home in London a year later by foot, travelling 49 miles to do so, crossing the Thames and confronting streets and traffic to which it was wholly unaccustomed; but it had been strictly a garden cat, and knew none of these things.

Such an essay in polarisation was a wonder: but not unusual. There was an American dog for instance which returned over 3,000 miles to its old home, taking six months for the journey. Animals perform such mysteries quite frequently, but do grand pianos? Do concert grand pianos?

At one point during the war I was stationed in a suburban house in North London where there had left, alone of all furniture, one of these instruments. It was pale brown in colour, tastefully veneered in walnut of the eighties, and though sophisticated as a little brass wheel Foolish Things—it is not set beneath each of unprepossessing to see the three stout legs, its very gorilla figure of a six-foot weight made it difficult to fireman in full equipment move and its very size took up a great deal of any traces and "how the ghost normally proportioned room. It would have taken four men to shift it properly. It was that kind of piano. It was huge, heavy and a god-send to the Mess in which it stood.

by WILLIAM SANSOM



WILLIAM SANSOM owns to only one recreation: watching. How keenly he watches Mediterranean and English—particularly London—life he has proved in such novels as *The Face of Innocence* (1951) and the short stories recently collected under the title *Lord Love Us*. Born at Barrow, 43 years ago, Sansom was educated at Uppingham School and awarded both a travel scholarship and a bursary by the Society of Authors after the war. He married actress Ruth Grundy last year.

Every night for upwards of a year the firemen used to gather round it, dull brass-polishing day over, to sing. It fell upon me to play. And so, over and over again, we went through the wartime ritual of Roll Out the Barrel and Roll Me Over, spiced with such elves of old beast beneath throbbed and jangled, the men thumped and roared, the night was made hideous and lovely.

I grew to know that piano well. I knew its cigarette burns, its faulty upper C, the rings left from long-dry glasses, and every jangled whirr of its entire lovable system—for it was the kind of piano, venerable, weathered, that sounds like all seaside boarding houses and all wood-floored bars. Yet it played, and my fingers played it to the bone of its old yellowed ivory. I knew it on cheerful evenings, I knew it on empty afternoons when some old, evocative tune saddened the air with memories of the gone golden days, the days of peace.

At last the day came when the station was disbanded. It was the custom to divide mess equipment among the men, but for such a matter as this monster piano, lots had to be drawn. I rather wanted it; a worm of sentiment had started. However, I drew a blank. But the outcome was popular, the winner was particularly well liked. I remember only a slight taste of sour grapes, thinking how much room it would have taken up at home; and I did not envy its new owner the job of transporting it all the way over to South-East London where he lived, nor its cumbersome



Drawing by SHOWELL

At the back, looming in the shadow—a long grand piano.

Did It Happen?

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presence when finally he had got it there.

Time passed, the war was over, and one day I happened by chance to meet an old member of the station who had sad news. It concerned the man who had won that piano. He had joined the regular Brigade, and had been killed on duty. There had been an accident with the machine: it was the more distressing to hear that the occasion had been one of false alarm—someone had fooled with the street fire-post, and a life had been lost for a joke. Such alarms put into operation men and heavy machines assembled at dangerous split-second speeds; their misuse is not only irresponsible, it is criminally offensive.

A romantic place

The months of my own life again passed. I was living then in a part of Hampstead, in a basement garden flat, deciduous and overgrown. Parts of the walls and ceilings were always falling, the garden was a nest of thistles, tall grass creper, and overgrown trees. It was a romantic place, fast becoming surreal. An owl chose for its nightly perch a neighbouring television aerial, music came from all around through a screen of leaves—the voice of a singer, flute and cello practice, and particularly the harsh curving note of somebody learning the cornet from unseen windows opposite.

Cats prowled the tall grasses, birds squabbled incessantly in the overgrowth, field mice appeared, blue-bottle grub wriggled in under the front door in their hundreds when night fell and the dustbins cooled; swarming there was a consortium of the largest spiders I have ever seen. I detect spiders. But in that flat they were everywhere; and such was the growing mystery of the place that I found myself feeding the grub to these spiders simply to see the great-legged black horrors leap from their webbed holes, entranced by their own disgust.

One afternoon, when I was wandering out from this idyll, I noticed in a nearby street—it was a minute round, the corner from me—that what had

been a private garage had been newly transformed into a junk-antique yard. This was not at all the place where you would expect to find such an enterprise: this was a residential street. But there it was, a sudden efflorescence of old things for sale among the booky, declining houses, and I crossed the road to look.

I wondered

At the back, looming in shadow, there lay, or stood—or waited—a long grand piano. It was in walnut. It had cigarette burns, the ringed stains of glasses, a dead C in the upper register... there was little doubt about it... I went home and wondered and wrestled.

In plain print the directions "North" and "South-East" London convey nothing of the distance and coincidence involved in this strange and awful odyssey. It is only when one thinks of all the miles of streets between the long lorry-lumbering roads with all the houses in them and all the people in the houses, the lamp-posts, the bridges, the shops, the factories, the churches, the parks, the schools, the warehouses and everything else—it is only when one thinks of this vast labyrinth of brick and grime, and even then multiples it by all the radiating directions that could have been taken so that there is evolved a great fanning map, the map that holds more than eight million people in its huge and glowing intricacy—it is only when such a millionfold grimed honeycomb is envisaged that the appalling chance of the piano returning to that one shop around my one small corner and not a real shop at that can be truly and fearfully imagined.

Hammer-headed

Being a piano having legs, and tawny like a big-haunched beast, there was an uneasy temptation to imagine it taking to the roads itself by night, blindly sniffing its huge way, lumbering along in the shadow of dark walls, rounding corners suddenly into the lamplight, hammer-headed, its long lip

Venetian gloom

It stayed with me to the bitter end of my time in that house. When the main drain burst, and sewage from the whole house floated up to my floorboards, shorting all electricity so that I lived in a Venetian gloom of candlelight and dark water, it remained while I made arrangements about all the other furniture. It was too huge to find easily another home. It was yet with me when, during that same seamy time, as I put the final line to a novel that had taken two years' writing, I breathed blessed relief and in the same breath saw through the French windows the garden wall fall down, as if similarly relieved of a great burden.

Finally, I gave the piano away. And have not, so far, seen it since.

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CHARLES MORGAN

Did Saturday's story—My First Secret Agent, by Eric Ambler—really happen? The answer is NO.

THESE SWINGSTERS 'WAIL' WITH A STREAMLINED SLANGUAGE

By MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills. The language of swing is rapidly replacing the language of music, especially that derived from the Italian, on the scores of popular music.

Ray Anthony told me the above after I had listened to a private playing by Ray and some of his orchestra of "Sluefoot" from "Daddy Long Legs".

Acclaimed as the leading band leader on the poll of disc jockeys across the United States, Ray Anthony explains that many streamlined expressions have taken the place of the standard Italian musical directions.

When he was scoring music for the dances played for Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron and two hundred college youngsters, Ray rewrote musical terms in swing slang.

"It's simply that we understand better and quicker. Terms like fortissimo and glissando are old hat, passé, out of date, and even the new phrases change from year to year," he said.

Swingsters like Benny Goodman used "schmaltz" and "smear". A few years ago, the band-leader said, it was "rock it" and "ride". This year when he wants his band really to ride, really to swing out, he uses the word "wail".

"I presume it stems from the bebop habit of using opposite terminology. When I tell my boys to make it wail, I don't want them to give with sob music, I want them to heat it up."

A FEW CHORDS

He illustrated what he meant by playing a few chords from "Something's Gotta Give," the song and dance performed by Fred Astaire and Leslie Caron.

"See what I mean? That's wailing. Wailing. Get it? I got it. I was with him. I dug him."

"When the beboppers changed from hot to real cool, it's not what I mean. When I say 'play cool,' I mean what the Italians did when they wrote in 'planissimo'—softly and with restraint."

The world, over, musicians recognise "cool expressions" as meaning play with feeling.

However, American hepcats have discarded this term for "play with schmaltz" or "schmaltzando" and currently it's "make it a gasser," meaning "make it come out wonderful."

"You gas me" from a hep cat is a terrific compliment, only equalled by "You crease me."

Remember "staccato"? Meaning to cut notes short, it's now "bite it off" or "what it off" or "rib it off" when Ray and his band are in rhythm.

"Free wheeling" has replaced the classical "tutti"—all play together.

In classical terms, ad lib told a musician to interpret a passage in his own way. It is still used, although for some years it was "ride solo," "go to town," "take off" or "go out of this world." Or tersely "jam!" Hence jam sessions among genuine jazz men, although ad lib is in vogue again.

While directing rehearsals of his band, Anthony had a few pet expressions. One of them is "mildie," which his musicians know means "play the rhythm with a deep blues quality." Or "walk in," meaning ease into the groove slowly and gently, with a

Miss Vickers' Hostel Is For Tories Only

By MARY HEWAT

London. I love fishing—fly fishing for trout. And I used to ride a lot. But it's too expensive now. MISS JOAN VICKERS, newly elected Tory MP for Plymouth-Devonport, is undoubtedly the only member ever to enter the House of Commons equipped with a Japanese hara-kiri knife, hand-embroidered sarongs, and a host of fellow out-of-town Tories.

A Siamese cat

The knife and the sarongs are legacies from her work in the East, helping to repatriate war prisoners—they are not for Parliamentary use. The hostel, her home in Albion Street, Bayswater, is a legacy from her father—and MPs (Tories only) are welcome.

Joan Vickers had her 48th birthday this month, but she has a girl-slim figure, dresses sleekly.

She gives you a feeling of the inner springiness of a Siamese cat—a cat that could suddenly pounce. And she says with some pride: "I do some of the housework here, and I do all of it in my flat at Devonport."

That feminine quality of hers has been recognised as far away as Yorkshire. A couple of days ago Miss Vickers received a parcel from an admirer in the Deneston Tin Shop Office of British Railways. It contained a pair of lace-edged yellow silk bloomers—and a request "to spend a day with you at the House of Commons."

"I will nurse my constituents, of course. Since the election I've had 90 people in interview sessions, wanting help of one kind or another."

The problems ranged from women deserted by their husbands to the French wife of an Englishman who wanted Government permission for her mother to live in England. And there was one man, with five children, who had found a new job, but couldn't take it; until he got his only good suit out of the pawnshop.

Miss Vickers has rented "what they call in Devon a tenement flat—what used to be the servants' quarters of a big house," for 30s a week in Devonport. "My drawing room is the old kitchen, but I have wallpaper to disguise it, and the kitchen is the old scullery." She plans to spend most of her time there when Parliament is not in session.

New scheme

And she has a new scheme in mind for her constituents. A sort of Universal Aunts, to do all the odd jobs so often needed in a Navy port.

"I would rent wedding dresses, all sorts of things. But I don't know yet whether it can be done. I will have to try to get office space and staff."

But Miss Vickers is a practical woman. "I will do it as a paying concern. If someone wants 5s, worth of flowers sent, I will charge threepence or sixpence for the service. I don't believe in doing things for nothing."

Cost more

Miss Vickers still talks with excitement about the election campaign. "I didn't attack the Socialists," she said. "I tried to show that the Tory way was better. Of course I talked about nationalisation. I told the housewives that their washday would cost more if the Socialists got in and nationalised water."

She campaigned in a grey coat and skirt by day, in a grey suit with black velvet collar in the evening. She wore that grey suit, and the carle and black hat she had on when the poll was declared, for her first appearance in Parliament. "I think it's lucky."

"Now that the Tory is in, what does she want to do? Miss Vickers was noncommittal."

"It's like going back to school," she said. "You have to wait and see. How can I tell? I've never been there. It's a big club. I don't want every one thinking I want to run the world."



MISS JOAN VICKERS, M.P. "I will nurse my constituents, of course."

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IN THE SOUTHERN HALF

One Person In Every Eight Is An Australian Rules Football Fan

Melbourne.

Some 500,000 football fans in the Southern half of Australia are once again living from Saturday to Saturday to watch teams play Australian Rules football.

The greatest hold on the game is in Victoria, Tasmania, South and West Australia, where every football club has its "home" ground with amenities varying from the most modern grandstands to mere mounds in the "outer".

City grounds, with proper seating and greenkeepers to water and cut the grass, contrast sharply with country club fields, where sheep and cattle crop the growth during the week and are driven off to make way for the players at the weekend. Hundreds of umpires are wordily "slaughtered" from Saturday to Saturday, but they have more "lives" than a cat and pop up again to take their weekly rounds of abuse or acclaim, according to the feelings of the watching thousands.

Sometimes it is more than abuse that the little man in white, with the shrill whistle, gets from the crowd. Police line the dressing room alleyways to protect him from those whose feelings get the better of them when their team loses.

One person in every eight in the southern States is a fan, ready to pay from 2s 6d to 4s 6d to see a match. Whether they leave the ground hilariously vocal or silently seething, they feel that they had their money's worth.

They watch the players' last three punches, glare at the umpire in mock surprise at a decision—see their Champions kick or miss.

goals and yell their approval or scorn.

"AERIAL PING-PONG"

In addition, they see brilliant passing, bulldozing runs, kicking, and flights into the air to "mark" the leather egg-shaped ball in one of the swiftest, streamlined, crowd-drawing games played anywhere in the world—a game disparagingly called "aerial ping-pong" by Rugby enthusiasts in New South Wales and Queensland, but big enough to boast 33,000 registered players throughout Australia.

High marking, with players scrambling up their opponents' backs to pluck the ball from the air, and long graceful drop-kicks and punts, with short stab-kicking down the field from player to player, are the main features of the game nowadays, as they were when the first teams took the field in 1858.

Talent scouts from leading clubs roam far afield to "steal" players from other teams or "discover" a new Champion among the smaller country sides.

And a Champion can make a good living out of this "semi-professional" game, where only "nominal" fees are paid each week to most players. Being wanted by a major club usually means a house rent-free.

a job bringing in at least £A20 (£16 sterling) a week, and plenty of time off for football practice.

It also means for many—the glamour life of a Hollywood star, with front page stories of their private lives, their injuries, big and small, their homes, family, personal opinions of matches, and deeds and misdeeds both on and off the field. To be a football star has its advantages, with few disadvantages thrown in. For many top-line men it has meant an assured future. Big jobs, come their way. In later years, many have retired from football to take up their own business, with the publicans trade proving most popular for "war" names.

Nowadays, the field is limited to 36 players, 18 sides. This is in striking contrast to the teams of unlimited size allowed when Australian Rules football was started and up to 80 players flocked after the ball.

To the hundred or so pioneers, the majority of them Irishmen and adherents of other football codes, who established the game, play in the modern manner would be bewildering. Position play is important. All on the ball, as in the old days, is out.

BRAWNY RUCKMEN

The four brawny ruckmen follow the ball wherever it goes. With them are nippy rovers—one to a team—to get the ball away to teammates whenever a throw-in from the boundary or a bounce is made as the umpire interprets the rules.

But the fullback line, the half backs, centres, half forwards, and full forwards stay in position for the most part and wait until the ball comes to them. Wingers have more freedom, covering the flanks of the oval.

The game itself is hard, fast, and much more mobile than Rugby football. There are no scrums to hold up play. In some ways, it is more like Association football, except that hands as well as feet are used to play.

The top Melbourne clubs claim between 10,000 and 12,000 members, each paying £A1/5/- a year for membership tickets. The 1954 League final at Melbourne Cricket Ground drew 96,834.

Health authorities later imposed an attendance limit of 50,000 which means that many cannot get into semi-final and final matches.

Five full days of Test cricket at the same ground could not attract these numbers.

With the building of the new Olympic stand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and accommodation being increased to 120,000, football clubs still expect an overflow of fans when the 1956 Final comes round.

For those who cannot attend the League games, there are the regular radio broadcasts, giving a kick-by-kick, brawly-by-brawl commentary. China Mail Special.

New Zealand Grand Prix Attracts Considerable Overseas Interest

The third New Zealand Grand Prix motor-car race, to be held at Ardmore, 25 miles from Auckland, on January 7 next, promises to be the most thrilling yet.

Overseas interest in the event is growing rapidly and the executive of the Auckland International Grand Prix has received letters from several "name" drivers anxious to compete next year.

Suggestions for a more varied programme and a much faster course made by the competitions manager of the Royal Automobile Club, Mr D. H. Delamont, who saw this year's race, have been adopted.

As a result, the 1956 race will be run clockwise and some corners of the two and one-half mile circuit altered, making the 100-lap, 210-mile Grand Prix five to seven miles an hour faster.

The programme will consist of five "serious" races and a vintage car contest.

£1,500 IN PRIZES

Total prize money for the Grand Prix will be £1,500, plus race money, which will be a minimum of £5 a lap. The winner will receive £800 and the New Zealand Motor Cup. Second prize is £300, third £200, fourth £100, fifth £50, and sixth £25, and trophies.

The first New Zealander to finish will get £150 and the Leonard Lord Trophy, presented by Sir Leonard Lord, Chairman of the British Motor Corporation, for annual competition.

There will be no heats in next year's race.

This year's race, which was watched by 70,000 people, made a profit of £7,259. It is proposed within a few years to use the race profits to send New Zealanders abroad to compete against the world's best drivers.

This is one of the aims of the non-profit-making body which controls the Auckland race.

Mr Delamont described the last New Zealand Grand Prix as "a wonderful event." "I do not know of a better-run race anywhere," he added.

The 1956 race, thanks largely to Mr Delamont's interest and suggestions, should be a better spectacle from start to finish, China Mail Special.



KEN ROSEWALL

They Turn The Wheel That Tells The Tale

The Men Who Make Cricket Add Up

By RICHARD LYNTON

We hear a great deal in cricket about the men in the middle who make the runs, take the wickets and see fair play, but nobody ever mentions the men who make cricket add up—the scorers.

Yet, without them, the public could not follow the game, the players would not know where they were half the time, and the story of cricket could not have been written.

Without the scorebooks to prove it, the greatness of Grace and Hobbs, Hammond and Woolley, Larwood and Voce would have no more substance than an old-time tale. Even the memory of contemporary masters, like Hutton and Compton, would begin to fade as soon as their last innings was over.

"INVISIBLE"

Strange that men who do so great a service to the game should be taken so much for granted, as though they were part of the furniture, like the stumps and the signposts. But so it is.

Members and the older generation apart, how many of those who go to see Middlesex at Lord's know that the man who sits, almost invisible, at the feet of Father Time, saying the word that turns the wheel that tells the tale of how the game is going, is the one and only Patsy Hendren, who made more runs in his day and highly individual way than anyone in the game, except Hobbs and Woolley.

THE ANSWERS

Filling the same office at the Oval is another famous name, Herbert Strudwick (Surrey and Gloucester), the greatest wicket-keeper of all to me and my generation. Kent has smiling Ernie Hoskin, who can tell you without looking at the book how many catches Godfrey Evans has taken this season, and when Douglas Wright last did the hat-trick.

In Sussex, George Washer knows all the answers, and nowadays that means a great deal more than being able to tell the last man out whether he was caught, stumped or run out.

Every player wants to know his average, and the captain wants to know them all. MCC want to know the number of overs bowled in the hour.

Somebody else wants the number of runs scored per 100 balls, and ditto the number of wickets. Only the other day, I heard the captain of Hampshire, Desmond Egar, ask his scorer to check up on a pet theory that the last ball of the over was the one that got most wickets, perhaps because the batsman was inclined to relax concentration then.

I did not stay to find out whether the theory found any support in figures, but I was around long enough to see the Hampshire captain provide evidence for his theory at his own expense—he was bowled by the last ball of an over.

FINE RECORD

A bowler with a remarkable record this season is Brian Lobb, who left Warwickshire where he was in competition with John Banister, Keith Doolley and Tom Pritchard for the less testing climate of Somerset where he has had a regular place in the county side.

In a very short time he has acquired a distinguished list of senior batsmen, including Hutton, Lawton and Wilson of

Yorkshire, May and Constable of Surrey, Crapp and Emmett of Gloucester, Clay and Hardstaff of Nottinghamshire, and Langridge and Cox of Sussex.

DIVIDED Middlesex are sharply divided at the moment between the old hands and the new boys, the latter forming the larger if not the better part by six to five. Though the battling lions rather heavily on Robertson, Edrich

and Denis Compton for the present, the bowlers are all young, John Warr at 28 being the senior member.

Having seen Middlesex several times lately, I think Denis Baldry, Don Bennett and Fred Titmus are as good as any three young players of their age (21 to 23) and experience in the southern counties, and probably in the country.

(London Express Service)

15-Year-Old New Zealand Girl Jumps Into World Class

Mary Donaghy, a 15-year-old New Zealand girl who is now being hailed as one of the Dominion's brightest prospects for the Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne next year, was just an unknown schoolgirl five months ago.

It all began when she entered for the high jump at a school's athletic meeting. Her hopes of success were not high, but there were only two other competitors, and she explained, "If I come third, it means a point for the school."

Mary won with a barefoot scissor leap of 4 feet 10 inches. Her training had consisted of a few practice jumps in the back-yard of her country home.

Three months later after adopting the Western roll style of jumping, Mary, who is only 5 feet 3 inches tall, became the national record-holder with 5 feet 4 1/4 inches, having beaten the existing record of 5 feet 3 inches set up by Mrs Dorothy Tyler, of Britain, when she won the 1950 British Empire Games title at Auckland.

FIRST EVER Mary is believed to be the first woman in the world to have jumped over her own height. No winner of the Olympic Games Women's High Jump has ever managed that, and neither has any holder of the Women's High Jump world record.

The MCC May Grow Bigger Membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club is at present limited to 8,000. There are thousands of applicants on the waiting list and it takes up to 25 years before membership is attained.

Pavilion accommodation is the limiting factor and it is, therefore, heartening news that plans have been drawn up for a pavilion extension that would allow the membership figure to be increased by a further 3,000.

There is a way to jump the 25-year queue but very few can take advantage of it. By becoming a probationary cricket playing member, admittance to full membership may be achieved in about four years, but the cricketing standard is very high.

Founded in 1787 as a private non-profit-making club, that MCC is today the supreme authority on cricket in the world.

Mary's training is now being supervised by Captain Frank Sharpley, a Loughborough, England, trained Army physical education officer and former national sprint and hurdles champion. Captain Sharpley is one of two athletes to win three national titles on the same day.

It was he who advised his young pupil to adopt the Western roll style. But he thought it would take a year for her to master it.

At her next competitive outing a week or two later, however, Mary cleared 5 feet. Captain Sharpley was content, and concentrated on improving her style and teaching her how to land and avoid the badly bruised knees she was suffering.

Mary, jumping barefoot again, really hit the headlines soon after this when, at a children's championship meeting, she exceeded Mrs Dorothy Tyler's 5 feet 3 inches New Zealand all-comers record by one eighth of an inch and the resident record of Noeline Swinton by half an inch.

201 FT. HAMMER THROW BY AMERICAN Quincy, Mass., June 18. Harold Connolly, a Boston University graduate student with a withered left arm, last night won the New England A.A.U. championship with a throw of 201 feet 5 1/4 inches in the 18-pound hammer event.

The recognised American record of 195 feet 4 1/4 inches was also beaten by Connolly last April with a throw of 202 feet 3 1/4 inches. He is the first American athlete to beat 200 feet.

The world record for this event is 210 feet 1 1/4 inches set by Stanislav Nenashev, Soviet Union, in Baku last year. (Reuter.)

Winning Wimbledon rates as the most difficult job in world sport. But it has a close rival—trying to pick the winner.

This year's Championship begins today. The major issue, with apologies to the ladies, the Men's Singles, is wide open. Any of the World's top ten players is capable of beating the other nine. Indeed, last year the eleventh, Jaroslav Drobny, beat the other ten.

The All-England Tennis Championships are now comparable to the English Football Association Cup. To get through, a player, like a football team, must stand head and shoulders above all others or he must get the run of the ball and the luck of the draw.

Last year, for instance, Drobny though seeded No. 11 had what proved the ideal draw, matches getting progressively harder, enabling him to reach his peak in the final. Opponent Ken Rosewall, on the other hand, had to pull out all stops on the way and was at his best in the semi-final against Tony Trabert.

The cheers echoed round the centre court when "Drob" won

the title. Never has there been a more popular victory.

But seldom can a Champion have had such a slim hope of retaining his title. Dogged by injury and ill-health he has had little time to reach top form.

Can Rosewall succeed where he so narrowly failed last year? **TEXT-BOOK ROSEWALL** Next, mature beyond his 20 years, text-book Rosewall has weaknesses where far less gifted players have strength—in service and on the forehand.

As a result he lacks power, is often extended by lesser players and expends much energy before getting to grips with the big guns.

Rosewall's chances, I think, will depend on the draw. If he has to meet too many "big game" specialists, Hoad, Hartwig, Trabert, Seixas and Morera, he won't be able to survive. But should the draw leave the power-plus brigade to spend their time knocking each other out, then Rosewall is quite capable of dealing with one or two of them.

Given the run of the ball Rosewall is my fancy to take the title back to Australia.

And if the fates go against him?

Australia can still do it through Lew Hoad or dark horses Rex Hartwig or Mervyn Rose.

Hoad of the cannon-ball serve and thumping forehand has enough power, and some spare, to win the title. If he could recapture his Davis Cup form of 18 months ago he could battle through, luck or no luck. But too much tennis took the edge off his game. He went stale, forgot the finer points, thought only of power and still more power and became erratic.

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most improved players. He had in fact been coming to the fore for a couple of years previously but went unnoticed in the shadows of Hoad and Rosewall.

Now he has established himself and last year won the Doubles title at Wimbledon in company with Rose and gained a place in Australia's Davis Cup team, winning his only match against Vic Seixas.

ARTISTIC ONES

Of stocky build, Hartwig looks like a Champion boxer. His tennis is punchy too, snappy powerful strokes, rather than flowing artistic ones. I do not think Hartwig has quite the class to win Wimbledon. But he can upset more than one fancied player.

Left-hander Rose has the class but not perhaps the necessary fire, although he may be all the better this year for coming independently rather than a member of the official Australian team.

What about America, the Davis Cup winners? Their interest will be far more than academic.

Leading the US challenge again will be Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert. Fine players indeed, and last year's runners-up, perhaps both better equipped than any of the Australians.

Trabert has won seven matches out of seven against Seixas and two weeks ago successfully defended his French title. But he seems unable to produce his best form on Wimbledon's fast lawns.

Seixas, a great fighter and fine tactician, may be America's best bet. But, as with Australian Rosewall, I doubt if Seixas can survive a tough draw. He depends a great deal on fighting qualities and for a player past thirty these may not be enough.

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Swiss Beaten 3-0 At Soccer

Geneva, June 19.

Spain beat Switzerland by three goals to nil in an international soccer match here today.

Half-time score was 1-0.

None of the Spanish scorers in today's match played for Spain when they drew 1-1 with England in Madrid last month. Collar put Spain ahead after only two minutes but the Swiss defence, though handicapped by the absence through a car accident of half-back Willy Kernen, managed to fight off the Spanish attacks for the remainder of the first half.

Eight minutes after the interval, Arieta gave the Spaniards a 2-0 lead, and just before the end, Maguerregui made it 3-0. (Reuter.)

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M.C., who has retired.

D. BENSON,
Chairman,
The Hong Kong Jockey Club.
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a most welcome
handbook for ornitholo-
gists resident or situa-
ted in Hong Kong. All
the "hitherto" recorded
species are included;
plumages are clearly and
concisely described, and
a short account is given
of field characters,
voice, habits, status,
etc. The illustrations,
except for three plates
of photographs, are all
by Cdr. A. M. Hughes,
and include four attrac-
tive plates of the heads
of 42 species and many
useful drawings in the
text. The writer of this
review would have
benefited greatly from
this book when station-
ed in Hong Kong some
years ago. Even now,
on referring to it, some
40 unfamiliar species
on which notes were
made at the time have
almost all proved easily
identifiable. —D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Bird" official
organ of the British Ornithologists'
Union, British Museum).

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HONG KONG KOWLOON

KOALA MAKES COMEBACK

But There Are Not Enough Gum Tips To Go Round

Melbourne, June 19.
Australia's cuddly koala bear is thriving
today as it never has before.

Twenty-five years ago, this national pet was
nearly extinct. Today, under a system of "koala
farming," numbers have increased tenfold in
Victoria alone and the authorities are now faced
with a problem of ensuring that there is enough
food for them.

The harmless woolly bear of
the Australian bush has only
one item of food—gum leaves.
There are plenty of gum trees
in Australia, but the koala is
so choosy that it eats the tips of
only a few species of eucalyptus,
the most important of which is
the manna gum.

STARVE TO DEATH

If the koala cannot get manna
gum leaves which are exactly
right it will not eat and starves
to death.

Naturalists disagree about
what are the vital elements in
the gum leaves upon which the
koala depends. But they do
know that the gum leaves must
have the exact chemical balance,
or the choosy koala will die.

As the white men occupied
this country, they chopped down
trees to clear land and shot
koalas for their pelts. At the
turn of the century, numbers
had already greatly diminished.
Then a pneumonia epidemic hit
the animals.

Bushfires took their annual
summer toll.

Twenty-five years ago, there
were only five known koalas
left in South Australia, a hand-
ful in Victoria and New South
Wales, and a strong colony in
Southern Queensland. But dur-
ing the depression the Queens-
land Government removed its
protection of the bears, so that
unemployed workers could get
some money by hunting them
and selling the pelts.

So strong was Australian
reaction that buyers shipped
the pelts to the St. Louis fur
sales in the United States as
"wombat skins"—using the
name of another, and less
popular, Australian marsupial.
It was reported, incidentally,
that the principal market for
the skins was Canada where
they were made into rugs for
the cold winters.

FIRST MOVE

The first "save the koala"
move came in South Australia
where a zoologist, Mr Keith
Mincham, saved the last koalas
in the State, collected some
more, which had been on ex-
hibition in a city store, and
started what he called "Koala
Farm" on the edge of the city.

Over a period of years, the
koalas thrived and he was able
to establish new wild colonies,
some on the animal sanctuary
of Kangaroo Island, off the
South Australian coast.

In Victoria, New South Wales,
and Queensland, other natural-
ists started similar sanctuaries.

One Melbourne newspaper
organised thousands of school-
children into growing manna
gum seedlings in pots and the
State Fisheries and Game De-
partment planted out the trees
to provide food for future
koalas.

Meanwhile, they carefully
nursed groups of koalas on
island sanctuaries and through-
out the war this work was almost
forgotten.

In 1947, the humble koala
burst into the Melbourne head-
lines again when it was dis-
covered that they had increased
to such a number that they had
eaten all food on their island
homes and were dying of
starvation.

INCREASED

The Department then began
an organised move to shift
koalas from the islands to
mainland colonies. With the
new supplies of food, numbers
continued to increase.

The Department's aim was to
spread the colonies as widely
through the State as possible so
that future epidemics, bushfires,
or any other form of destruc-
tion would do least damage.

With the spreading of koalas
through the country, naturalists
have tried to make Victoria
koala-land. They have said
that discovery of koalas in the
bush would not be unusual now
and begged tourists to leave
them alone.

Reinforcing this plea comes
legislation to protect the koala.
Anyone who "interferes illegali-
ly in any way" with the animals
is liable to a fine of £50, or
imprisonment, or both.

Naturalists are satisfied that
most Australians today would
not harm the koala, but the
"New Australians," immigrants
who have arrived since World
War II, are a serious problem.
Conservation officers have found
that they do not understand
protection laws and regard any
bush animals, or birds, as fair
game.

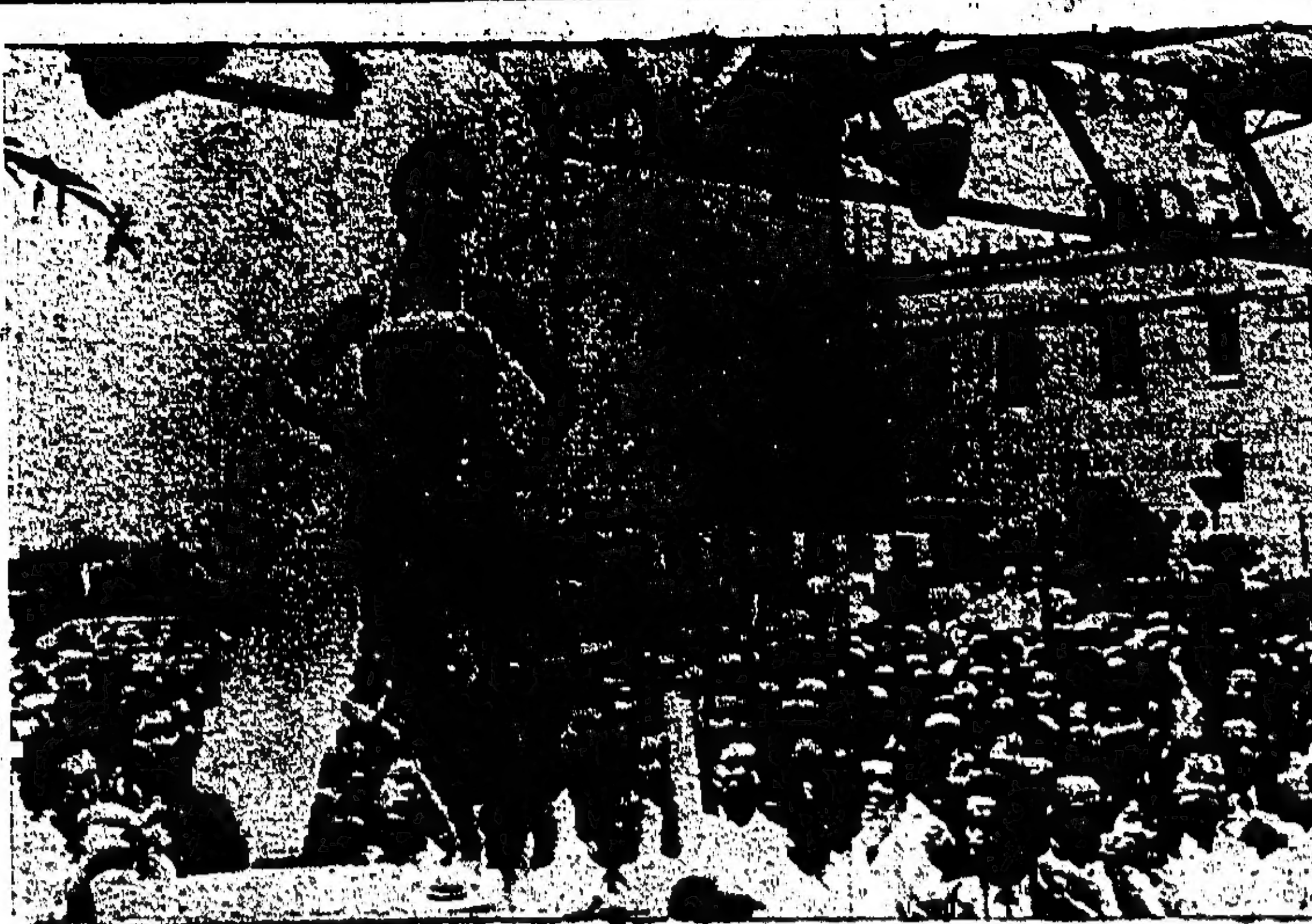
"HA HA PIGEONS"

One "horrible" naturalist
learned that Australia's kooka-
burra, the laughing and friendly
bush bird with the powerful
snake-killing bill, was going
into New Australians' pots to
make a tasty stew—under the
name "Ha Ha Pigeons."

Despite the increase in the
numbers of koalas here, it is
unlikely that any more will go
overseas. The only koalas at
present outside Australia were
 flown from Sydney to San Diego
 Zoo, where the woman curator
 prepared for years for their
 arrival.

In a climate very similar to
that of parts of Australia, she
planted manna gum to provide
food and waited for years for
the koalas to arrive. But Aus-
tralian conservationists say
that to send koalas overseas is
to condemn them to death, and
the experiments will never be
repeated. —China Mail Special.

Westernised Holiday Wear



Cypriots To Enlighten UN Members

Nicosia, June 19.

Cypriot Greek leftwing orga-
nizations decided today to send a
delegation to the United States
to "enlighten" United Nations
members on the Cyprus question.

Representatives of leftwing
bodies, including Akel (the
Communist Party) and the
Trades Unions Federation, met
here today and decided that such
a mission should leave soon.

In a policy declaration, the
meeting resolved that "the
Cypriots people claim immediate
self-determination, without
however a promise of granting
military bases on the island to
British forces."

A memorandum is to be sent
to the United Nations Sec-
retariat claiming the right of
self-determination for Cyprus.
—Reuter.

Survey Of Ex-Prisoners Of War

Edinburgh, June 19.

A confidential survey of
health and social conditions
among men who were prisoners
of war in Japanese hands is to
be made by the National
Federation of Far East POW
Clubs and Associations.

The aim of the survey is to
find out the extent to which the
men may be suffering from after
effects of their experiences.

The survey was announced at
the close of the Federation's
annual conference here today.

It was said that many former
Far East prisoners of war were
believed to suffer from physical
or mental disorders attributable
to their imprisonment. — China
Mail Special.

This woolen swim suit
features conservatism and
simplicity and was shown at a
recent beach wear display in
Tokyo. The pink one-piece
swimsuit is accented by a row of
white buttons down the front
to the bottom of the out-
fit. The model wears a white
water-proof nylon beach hat
and holds a terry cloth cape
to complete her beach
costume. The beachwear dis-
play originally intended for
the fashion-conscious women
turned out to be more popular
among the men-folk who
spent their lunch hour for a
peek at the costumes, and of
course, the lovely young
models. —Express Photo.

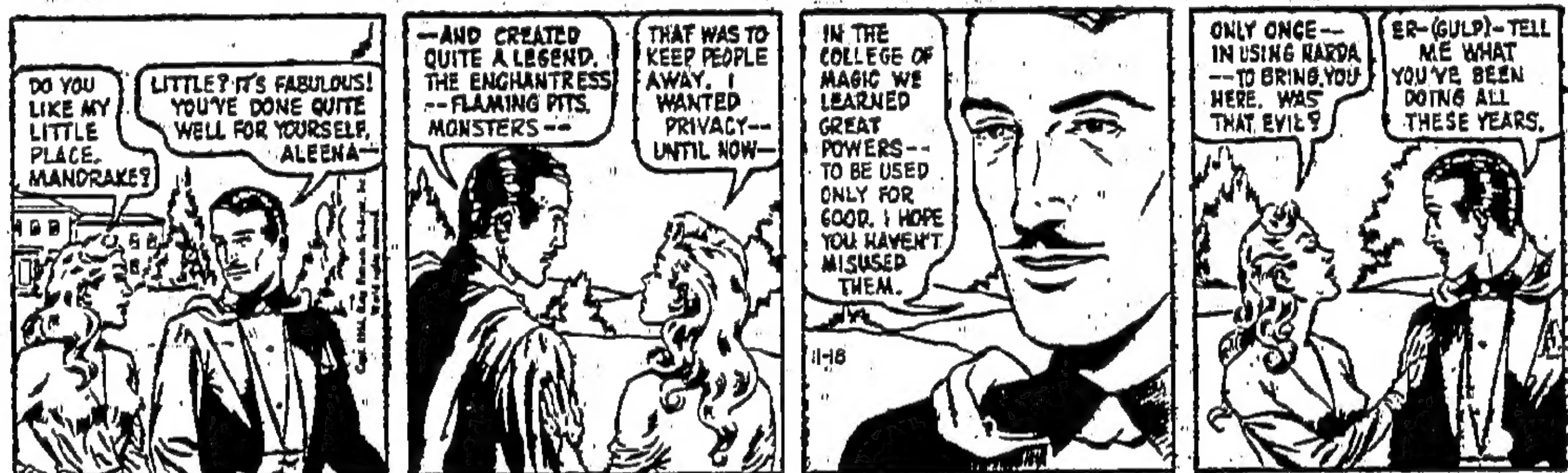
Paris, June 19.

Mr. Nehru, Indian Premier, to-
night attended a performance of
the Tchaikovsky ballet "Sleep-
ing Beauty" at the Kirov Theatre
in Leningrad. Radio Moscow re-
ported in a broadcast monitored
here.

Mr. Nehru, who is visiting the
Soviet Union, arrived in Lenin-
grad earlier today by air from
Sverdlovsk in the Ural region. —
France-Press.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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PRISONS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED SAYS LAWYER

Copenhagen, June 19.

Denmark, having successfully introduced
prisons without bars, ought, according to a leading
Danish legal authority Hr Hans Jensen, to abolish
prisons altogether except for hardened offenders.

Prisons without bars are proving a great
success here for certain classes of offenders
because they do not produce the so-called "prison
mentality" and greatly facilitate the rehabilita-
tion of offenders and their return to normal
society.

Hr Hans Jensen, who is lead-
ing a campaign for the abolition
of prisons for lesser offences,
bases his opinions partly on study
and observation and partly on
his own experience, for he him-
self once served a short sentence
in a Copenhagen prison for an
offence which he does not specify
and which Danish newspapers
have tactfully ignored.

He has already expounded his
views on the Danish radio and
hopes to do so also in Sweden,
Norway, Italy and England. He
is working in contact with the
well-known Italian prison re-
former, Signor Filippo Gramsci-
ni, on a campaign among law-
yers, policemen, public officials,
prison wardens and politicians.

ORDINARY PERSON

Speaking of his own personal
experience in prison, Mr Jensen
says: "Apart from five to ten
per cent of hardened offenders,
the people one meets in prison
are ordinary persons who in
various ways have got into
trouble. That is the chief fact
one must bear in mind when
considering prison reform."

"Prisoners nowadays still go
through a form of punishment
which is really only the applica-
tion of the law of Moses of an
eye for an eye and a tooth for
a tooth, and is a sort of
vengeance demanded by public
opinion, which forgets that the
true aim of punishment should
be to rehabilitate the offenders.

What I demand is what every
normal sensible man can under-
stand. First of all the cell
system must be abolished. In-
prisonment in a cell alone by
oneself is impossible—it is a sort
of cancer which gradually makes
prisoners grow rotten inside and
destroys them as human beings.

"Instead of prisoners in cells,
what are needed are prisons
without bars and without cells.

WHAT HAPPENS

"What really happens in the
case of a man being sentenced
by the Court is this: first of all,
in most countries, the offender
finds himself punished by the
publicity given to his case in the
newspapers, often before he is
brought to trial.

"Then he has to suffer what-
ever sentence is passed by the
Court, and finally he must expect
to be punished for the third time
when he leaves prison and is
cast again upon the world, often
without friends or the possibility
of finding work."

"In the normal prison the in-
telligent prisoner soon realizes
that there is something wrong
with the system. Many prison
officials would agree with him.
They say: 'It does not make much
sense but we cannot do anything
about it.'"

"What people want to bring
about reforms it is to use de-
manding things which the nor-
mal man cannot understand. Our
view is that cell and prison
punishment should no longer be
given to any but hardened
offenders."

A leading police official,
Inspector Sakurai-Mueller, has
proposed that young ordinary
offenders, instead of being sent
to prison, should be ordered to
work with a trowel's crew fish-
ing in the North Sea. While this
is a sensible idea, the times are
not yet ripe for it.

"My idea are not original
but in view of my experience as
a lawyer and as a former prison
inmate—an unusual combination
—I can perhaps awaken the
public conscience more easily
than many others."

Denmark has already gone a
long way towards attaining the
aim of prison reformers. In
addition to prisons without bars,
there is a system here whereby
those sentenced for certain
offences, such as being drunk in
charge of a car, are sent to
prisons where they can have
their food brought in from out-
side, if they wish, may have a
chair and some furniture of
their own in the cell, and may
choose the sort of work they
want to do. They may also
write and receive letters, and
may even decide when they
will serve the term of imprison-
ment.

OBVIOUS REASONS

Thus, for obvious reasons,
offenders in this class of case
usually choose to experience the
offence in prison during their
summer holidays. In this way,
their side-slipping is not known
to their employers.

A story is told of a man who
was sent to prison for three
weeks for being drunk in charge
of a car. During exercise in the
country, he met a colleague
from the same firm, but could
not speak to him as this was
against the rules.

That evening, a warden came
to him and said: "Your friend
says will you please remember
after you are released that he is
spending his holiday in the south
of France."

"Oh," replied the first prisoner,
"tell him that I am on holiday
in Sweden. How strange that
we should meet!" —China Mail
Special.

Mail Notices

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shown below are those for un-
registered correspondence posted
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
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by enquiry at the local office.
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ing parcel mails can be ascer-
ted by enquiry at any post office.

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Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia,
Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 8
a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Great
Britain, India, 11 a.m.
Japan, Noon
Guam, Hawaii, USA, Canada, 2
p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, USA, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Great
Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Thailand, Middle East, Africa, 9
p.m.
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MONDAY, JUNE 20, 1955.

SHEAFFER'S
"SNORKEL" PEN
ADMIRAL

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

FREEDOM

THE little "motor-ship" thrust towards the English mainland, thumping her nose, so to speak, at the handsome, huge, liners, whom all kinds of formalities slowed-up, as they made their lordly way up Southampton Water.

In the prow of the ship—the ferry from the Isle of Wight—Henry stood, a hefty-built man of 61. A lonely man, a frightened man.

For Henry, until a little over an hour before had been, a prisoner in Parkhurst Prison, on the island. And he had been a prisoner since the early summer of 1949. So it felt strange to be free. Strange and extremely frightening.

The sentence Henry had just completed was one of seven years' preventive detention. He went down for his 26th crime—stealing a handbag from the powder room of a West End cinema.

JOB-HUNTING

THE ferry made fast at Southampton, and Henry boarded the waiting train for London—"the Smoke," the city where his past was all written down in police records and where any future he had must lie. He had 35s. given him at Parkhurst, to use as money. He spent most of it in buying the right to a bed for a week.

Henry reached London at mid-morning and began to look for a job. There were one or two such going as commissionaire or as attendant at a cinema. These jobs had one thing in common. They all involved the wearing of a uniform—and in no case did the uniform provided fit Henry's large figure.

FUNDS GONE

HENRY lowered his sights, and sought work as a stoker. Two or three places he tried. They took down his particulars, but could give him no immediate work and no advance against possible pay.

Henry went to the National Assistance Board. "Come back again," they said, "we may have something tomorrow." He went back. They had nothing.

By the time he came out of the Assistance Board's office, Henry had used up what had been left of his 35s. He had no money at all. He went back to the cinema where in 1949 he had stolen a woman's handbag. He tried his old tricks, stole another, was chased through the West End—and caught.

NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS

A Great Marlborough Street. He pleaded guilty to the theft of a woman's handbag, before Mr. Paul Bennett, VC. "Nine or ten places I went to for work," he said, "and they all said the uniform wouldn't fit me. I've had nothing but bad news from my family since I came out. I was desperate, that's why I done this."

"I expect that one day, when you come out of prison, our splendid probation service will take you over," said the magistrate.

FREEDOM ENDS

"A NOTHER man who'd served a long sentence, came here recently, and Mr. Morgan was able to find him a job. Had you come here?"

"I did go to the court," that convicted man, Henry cried. "You must tell them about that. At Sessions, the magistrate, 'I shall send you there for sentence.'"

Henry pulled his overcoat round him, as if he were suddenly chilled, then without saying anything he went away. His brief and bitter freedom was over. He was to blame, but perhaps not only he.

OLD WOMAN BADLY INJURED

An old Chinese woman was critically injured when she was knocked down by a private car in King's Road, North Point, at 9.15 this morning.

The woman, Yu Yan-ying, 70, of Un Long, New Territories, was taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

Fined \$150 For Misusing Water

Pleading guilty to negligently misusing and allowing water to flow from a tap, Norman C. Gurtzian, 34, of 6, Hillwood Road, second floor, was fined \$150 by Mr. W. S. Collier at Kowloon Court this morning.

The offence was committed on June 18, said the Prosecution.

Adenauer Returns Feeling Satisfied

Bonn, June 19.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, arrived here tonight by air after conferences with United States leaders in Washington last week and talks today at Chequers with Sir Anthony Eden.

Dr. Adenauer said that he had "very detailed and very important" conversations with the statesmen of the United States and other Western countries on many leading international problems.

Dr. Adenauer said he discussed the whole international situation at Chequers today with Sir Anthony Eden in an atmosphere of complete ease and confidence.

IDENTICAL VIEWS

He was particularly gratified that the views of President Eisenhower, Mr. John Foster Dulles, American Secretary of State, and Sir Anthony Eden on tackling world problems in the coming weeks and months were fully identical with his own.

Dr. Adenauer is expected to put the Foreign Office to work in a debate on the way to answer to the Soviet invitation to Moscow to discuss the establishment of diplomatic, economic and cultural ties with Russia.

Before he finally accepts the invitation, the Chancellor will insist on assurances that acceptance of this invitation does not in any way imply the recognition of Communist East Germany which already has its ambassador in Moscow.

It is believed he will also try to obtain the release of the tens of thousands of German war prisoners still held in Russia, though he will not make this a condition of acceptance.

IMPORTANT DEBATE

The "Council of Elders" which fixes the agenda of the Bundestag (Lower House) is to meet tomorrow to consider when to hold a debate on the first reading of Dr. Adenauer's bill to conscript armed forces volunteers.

Dr. Adenauer is expected to urge a debate this week to give the bill a chance, however small, of becoming law before the summer recess. But there is a mass of opposition to the "bills" which require many of his own supporters consider giving the executive too big a blank cheque.

Parliament under present plans is to go on summer holiday in the middle of July.

According to reports current in Bonn, Dr. Adenauer is planning to spend his summer holiday at Interlaken in Switzerland, 100 miles from Geneva, where the "summit" conference is due to open on July 18.—Reuters.

Radio Hongkong

8 p.m. Time Signal and Programmes
8.05 p.m. Summer 4.03, Children's Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 8.30, Interlude for Music with Hayes (BBC); 8.45, Accents on Rhythm; 9.15, "Box 207"; Bert Giffert of the Organ (BBC); 9.30, The Music of the Night with Hilde Gueden (soprano), Chorus and Orchestra of the Vienna State Opera; 9.50, Weather Report; 10.00, Signal and the News (London Relay); 10.05, Gramophone Scholarship Fund—An Appeal by Ron. B. Hawkins, C.M.G., O.B.E. (Recorded); 10.15, Concerto Patetique for Two Pianos (Studio); Dr. Josef Prober and Grete Diebler (piano); 10.30, Edmund Ross and his Orchestra—Programme of Latin American Music (BBC); 10.45, Time Signal, "Off the Beaten Track" presented by Timothy Birch (Studio); 10.50, What is Blood? (BBC); 11.00, International Cabaret presented by Denise Brabant (Studio); 11.30, Come into the Parlour—Songs and songs from Northern Ireland (BBC); 11.50, Weather Report; Time Signal, Radio News (London Relay); 11.55, Goodnight Music; God Save the Queen; 11.59, Close Down.

Forfeits Bail

When a 29-year-old Swiss merchant, Edgar Gurtner, failed to appear before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on charges of behaving in a disorderly manner and assaulting the Police, he had his bail of \$250 forfeited.

Gurtner was alleged to have behaved in a disorderly manner at Mount Davis Road, Western District, on June 19. He was also alleged to have assaulted Police Cpl. Chik Chik-king.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"This golden anniversary celebration isn't what it was cracked up to be—I kind of feel like an old square!"

Future Of Malta At Stake

London, June 20.

Britain's offer to make colonial history by transferring the affairs of Malta from the Colonial Office to the Home Office is to be discussed at a round-table conference which opens here today (Monday).

The delegations have arrived here from the island fortress in the Mediterranean.

The first is led by the new Labour Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, whose party won the March elections and 23 out of 40 seats in the Assembly on a platform calling for complete economic integration with Britain and representation at Westminster on the model of Northern Ireland.

The second delegation is headed by the former Premier and leader of the Nationalist Opposition, Dr. George Boro Olivier, who wants the island to come under the Commonwealth Relations Office like Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Mr. Attlee is willing to spread the incorporation of Malta into the political, financial and social institutions of Britain over a period of 20 years, but he asks for an immediate grant of aid to raise the social standard of his people to the levels in Britain. He desires the Maltese to have the same free medical services and old-age pensions as the people of Britain.

He realises that taxation will be heavier and proposes that Britain should meet this with an extension of economic planning, full employment measures and "an end to existing wage discriminations."

The only alternative to integration in Mr. Attlee's opinion is for Malta, which has been virtually self governing in internal matters since 1921, to have complete self determination and a 20-year friendship treaty with Britain.

"ORTHODOX PATH" Dr. Boro Olivier is ready to hear what the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, has to say about coming under the Home Office, but he is determined that "Malta shall remain on the orthodox path" of constitutional development towards complete self-government within the Commonwealth.

He is pressing for immediate changes in the present Constitution.

He contends that Malta should have a say on questions of defence, particularly before any measures are taken by which forces other than British use Malta as a strategic post. This would be following the lines of the Constitution granted to the Dominion of St. Helena.

Dr. Boro Olivier also asks for "substantial" financial assistance by way of compensation for the loss of British military and naval bases of "Malta's only resource"—her strategic position.

Mr. Attlee has not been available to the press since he arrived in London.

GOV'T'S GOODWILL Dr. Boro Olivier said today his party is fully aware of the remarkable amount of goodwill of the British Government and people towards Malta.

TRIAL BEGINS TODAY

London Teacher Charged With Blackmail

The trial of Charles Joseph O'Neill, 32-year-old London teacher, accused of blackmailing Mr. George Thomas Palmer, a former employee of Shewan, Tomes & Co. Ltd., and Mr. R. V. Lederhofer, managing director of that firm, opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes.

O'Neill faces three counts of uttering threatening letters—two to Mr. Palmer and one to Mr. Lederhofer—last December. The letters threatened to expose an alleged embezzlement of \$11,000 from Shewan, Tomes by Mr. Palmer unless the writer received \$1,000 from Mr. Palmer and \$2,500 from Mr. Lederhofer.

Crown Counsel, Mr. D. N. E. Rea, who is prosecuting (assisted by Det. Insp. Roberts) told the Jury "There is no evidence before this Court at all that Mr. Palmer or Mr. Lederhofer in fact are guilty of any offence and indeed, it is not directly relevant to this enquiry. The point is whether the accused threatened to expose Mr. Palmer for an alleged offence, regardless of the fact of whether or not Mr. Palmer did commit an offence. That had nothing to do with us at all."

The Jury of six men and a woman empanelled were asked whether they had any direct contact with the firm of Shewan, Tomes. They each replied that they had not.

Mr. Justice Scholes allowed O'Neill to conduct his own defence from Counsel's table when the accused said he felt at a disadvantage in the dock and wanted to take notes and to examine the exhibits.

In answer to points of procedure regarding the calling of defence witnesses the Judge told the accused that the Court usually asked the accused whether he had witnesses at the close of the Prosecution's case; that an accused usually gave evidence before his witnesses in compliance with the rule that all witnesses should be out of Court; and that it was better for an accused to put all the questions to prosecution witnesses before they left the box although it was possible at the discretion of the Judge to recall witnesses for cross-examination.

What The Crown Has To Prove

In his opening Crown Counsel told the Jury that the three counts were the same offence. The accused was charged with blackmail in ordinary language.

The first two counts referred to two letters received on December 21 and December 27, 1954 by Mr. Palmer. The first letter accused him of having committed embezzlement and threatening to make this public if he did not pay up \$1,000. The second letter was the same in substance and also contained specific instructions as to the manner in which Mr. Palmer was to deliver the money. The third count referred to the letter of December 28 sent to Mr. Lederhofer in which the allegations against Mr. Palmer were repeated and threatened to be exposed unless Mr. Lederhofer paid up \$2,500.

It was the duty of the Crown to prove certain elements of the charges, said Mr. Rea. These were: that the accused sent the letters; that he knew their contents; that the letters contained a threat to accuse Mr. Palmer of a crime; that the purpose of sending the letters was to extort money from Mr. Palmer and Mr. Lederhofer.

"The case boils down to this: Did the accused send those three letters? If you find as a fact that he did, the rest obviously must follow," Mr. Rea told the Jury.

Outlining the facts of the case he continued "The history of this case begins in about February 1953, when the accused applied for a job with the firm of Shewan, Tomes. As a result of his application he was interviewed by the present managing director, Mr. Lederhofer, and his case began to be considered. He was given a job commencing work sometime in April, 1953. The terms of his employment were that during the first six months his employment may be terminated either at his request or at that of his employer. For the first six months he was on probation. The accused

worked under a Mr. Parsons. Also employed there at this time was Mr. Palmer.

"In the course of this probationary period with the firm, Mr. Palmer sent in a report to Mr. Parsons on the work of the accused. Mr. Palmer will say that in fact this report he sent in was an adverse report. Subsequently Mr. Parsons sent the report to Mr. Lederhofer who was then on home leave. As a result the services of the accused were terminated.

All Obligation Ended

"When Mr. Lederhofer returned from leave the accused went to see him and it was finally decided that his employment was terminated. He was given a sum of money on the agreement that all obligation of the firm was ended. Sometime in mid-July, 1953, the accused ceased to have any connection with Shewan, Tomes; he left in the middle of July, 1953.

"The next date is December 21, 1954, one and a half years after the accused ceased to be employed by Shewan, Tomes. On that date Mr. Palmer received an anonymous letter. It is the Crown case that the accused sent it to Mr. Palmer. Expert evidence on handwriting and the report of the chemist who studied the ink paper, etc. will be called. This is expert evidence to assist you members of the Jury in determining whether the accused wrote this letter. It is by no means conclusive evidence, but when you consider the circumstances of the case together with the expert evidence I submit you will have no doubt that in fact the accused sent this and other letters."

Mr. Rea read the first letter to the Jury. "Your new employers will learn of the \$11,000 you embezzled at Shewan, Tomes, plus other misdemeanours unless your part up with your good name and I am giving you a better chance than I have given you. On Thursday, December 23, 1954 at 11 p.m. you will enter the Hongkong Restaurant (opposite the Capitol Cinema) by the side door, not the main door. You will then order a drink and remain in the restaurant for five minutes. Then you will leave and go home. Your appearance on Thursday will be a signal that you mean to part with the money. Further instructions will be issued later. If you don't appear I shall know that you do not intend to meet your obligation in this matter."

Second Letter Read To Court

Showing the Jury photographs of the locality mentioned in the letter, Mr. Palmer pointed out that it was in the view of the United Apartments and evidence would be given that at that time the accused was living there. This was the first piece of circumstantial evidence which tied up with the accused.

Continuing with his case, Mr. Rea said "On receipt of that letter Mr. Palmer went to the Police who gave him certain advice. As a result he decided to follow the instructions in that letter and give the appearance that he was going to pay up the money. On December 27, 1954 Mr. Palmer received a second letter."

This letter read to the Jury stated "The subject of your \$11,000 embezzlement at Shewan, Tomes and other frauds and misdemeanours, I am heartily glad that you are being sensible about this blackmail. The amount

to be paid in cash and this is to be deposited in a waterproof haversack or small pack in 10 bundles. You will use \$10 notes. On Tuesday December 28 you will proceed in the evening to Pookulam Police Station with the money, taking everything so that you arrive there at about 10.55 p.m. Then if the coast is clear you will follow the Pookulam Reservoir Road for a couple of 100 yards until you reach the first of the two concrete ammunition shelters now abandoned.

"Please put the money on the floor inside this first building and get clear of the area as soon as possible. Don't try any tricks for your own sake. I am holding you entirely responsible for the money getting into my hands. If there is any slip-up through negligence on your part, I shall lose no time in exposing you. Believe me, I shall enjoy doing so for what you did to me. On the other hand if the operation is concluded without a setback, you will not hear from me again. In the extreme eventuality of your drawing attention from any quarter during the course of the operation, you may prolong it at your own discretion. Unless it is raining, SMOKE to and from Pookulam Road so that your movements can be watched. There will be more than one pair of eyes on you."

"If the haversack or pack is found to contain anything but money, your friend, Campbell, will quickly turn that sort of person, he is employing. If, for instance, you leave behind a note asking for more time in which to produce the cash, you will never get the time that you require; but you will get something else instead, and you know what that is, so if you want to keep your job and if you don't want it mounded all over time what you have been up to, play ball and obey these instructions."

Mr. Rea said that it was quite clear from this and the earlier letter that the writer thought that Mr. Palmer did him a bad turn sometimes earlier and the Jury may infer from the evidence that the bad turn was the adverse report Mr. Palmer made on the accused.

A Man Walked Down

He continued "Again Mr. Palmer took that letter to the Police and again on their advice he carried out the instructions given him in that letter. However, before Mr. Palmer was due to arrive at the place at 10 p.m. that night three parties of Police established themselves at three different vantage points on this road."

Mr. Rea described by the use of a map, the points at which the Police kept watch. Insp. Anderson was concealed behind some bushes near a PWD workers' hut; a detective corporal concealed himself on the roof of the second concrete shelter, and further up this bushy and steep area three constables hid themselves near a telephone pole behind trees.

He said that the first thing which happened was that one of the constables near the telephone pole saw a man walking down from the direction of the Peak. The man stopped near the telephone pole and stayed there for two minutes and then moved around. He then moved on out of sight. This was at 10.30 p.m. The corporal on the roof and Insp. Anderson saw no one pass them.

Mr. Rea said that it was a fair inference that this man stopped concealed by trees, to watch the first shelter, and from this position could see fairly well whether or not a

Man Charged With Lottery Offence

An 81-year-old unemployed, Kung Yuen, of Queen's Street, third floor, appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning in connection with Po Piu lottery tickets.

Kung pleaded guilty to possession of a printing press without a licence, but pleaded not guilty to possession and printing of lottery tickets.

A printing press and 44,730 Po Piu lottery tickets were alleged to have been found in the defendant's premises on June 18.

The case was remanded for 24 hours and transferred to Fourth Court.

Court Grants Application

An application for leave to swear the death of the late Major-General Szeto Fui, alias Szeto Yim-hak, of the Chinese National Army and a native of Nanking, Kiangsu Province, in the Republic of China, was granted by Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg, acting Senior Puisne Judge, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Making the application, Mr. T. A. Shurlock, instructed by Mr. M. K. Lam, of Messrs M. K. Lam and Co., referred to affidavits sworn by the widow, Szeo Kung Tak-ka, and by former General Cheung Heung-wah, alias Cheung Fui-fu. Deceased was presumed to have been killed in action on December 12, 1937, said Counsel.

The Japanese Army captured the city of Nanking on December 12, 1937. On that date, General Cheung was Commander-in-Chief directing the right flanking operations in the Third War Zone in the defence of Nanking. Deceased was then Chief-of-Staff of the 180th Division of the 86th Army under General Cheung's command. He was not seen again after the Chinese forces withdrew from Nanking.

Food Poisoning Inquiry

An official inquiry will be held by the Hongkong Regiment this week into the food poisoning of 30 members of the C Company who were taken ill suddenly on Saturday a few hours after they had taken their mid-day meal of dry ration.

The sick men who were on training in the hills in the New Territories were immediately taken to a military hospital in Tai Po for treatment. They were declared fit again on Sunday.

TEENAGE BOY FOUND DRUNK

A 18-year-old boy was found lying outside a house in Tai Yuen Street, Wanchai, at 10.20 p.m. yesterday in a drunken state. He was sent to Queen Mary Hospital for medical examination, and certified drunk.

Before Mr. J. E. Durling at Central Juvenile Court this morning the boy was bound over in \$50 for three years.

man with a cigarette went into the disused shelter.

"At 11 p.m. one of the constables saw a man running back past the telephone pole," said Mr. Rea. "He gave word to the other two constables and they set off in pursuit. The man turned up the slope, into the trees, presumably to escape and he was apprehended by one of the constables. That man is the accused."

Mr. Rea said that the accused asked the identity of the constable and was told that he was the Police. The constable then asked the accused what he was doing there and the reply was "I am just going for exercise."

The accused was taken to Pookulam Police Station where he gave a further account of his movements to Insp. Anderson and was released.

When the accused was being taken down to the Police Station, the party passed by Mr. Palmer, who was going up to carry out the instructions, said Mr. Rea. The trial is continuing.